

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 14, 2004**

The Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners and the Boone County Commissioners met on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at the Boone County Courthouse, 116 W. Washington Street, Room 105, Lebanon, Indiana.

Board members present were Larry Jacobi and Tim Tolson. Boone County Commissioners present were Betty Lou Cooper and Byron Loveless. Ms. Cooper called the meeting to order.

Airport Zoning

Mike Howard reviewed the process that has been occurring in regards to a text amendment to the Boone County Zoning Ordinances which would change the zoning of Boone County airports from Agricultural (AG) to Airport Zone (AZ).

The Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners are on the Boone County Area Plan Commission's February agenda regarding this issue. The only item this text amendment will change is the zoning of the airports. The actual decision on what changes will occur at the airport will be decided during the petition process. At that time the public will be able to speak to the requested changes. The major issue is whether the construction of hangars and runways will be permitted or require a special exception. Indianapolis Executive Airport's position would be to allow permitted use.

Steve Niblick stated the Area Plan Commission began reviewing the text change in August 2003. They initiated an airport study at that time. The first draft of the amendment was presented in October and a second draft in November. The Plan Commission held a public hearing in December and the motion was to table it until February 2004. The Plan Commission requested there be two work sessions, one in December and one in January. After the work sessions a summary of issues was presented at the January Plan Commission meeting. The proposal has not changed since the second draft. It is possible following the February public hearing the draft proposal could be tweaked. The Area Plan Commission should make a decision in February and forward it to the Boone County Commissioners. The issues are that the homeowners want public input on the major issues – runways and hangars. Mr. Niblick will encourage the Plan Commission to make a decision in February.

Mike Andreoli stated the text amendment does nothing until a petition is filed. Once this text amendment is adopted the Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners will file a petition and then the public hearing will occur. Mr. Andreoli encouraged the Commissioners to talk with the Plan Commission members to make a decision.

Mr. Edge stated he is a member of the Area Plan Commission and was not at the December meeting. He will encourage them to make a decision at their February meeting.

Commissioners Loveless and Cooper both agreed we need closure on this issue.

Dan Montgomery stated as a business owner he can not grow until the zoning is changed. He can't afford to fight the zoning process as he did when he built the new hangar.

Mr. Montgomery explained to the Board what happened during the emergency landing of an aircraft at Indianapolis Executive Airport.

Commissioner Cooper recommended another meeting be held in warmer weather at Indianapolis Executive Airport to see what progress has been made.

Commissioner Cooper adjourned the meeting.

President

Date

Kim Rauch, Secretary

Date